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New Viking 44 Convertible Excels with Volvo Penta Power

(CHESAPEAKE, Va.) – July 17, 2018 – [Volvo Penta of the Americas](#) is now supplying twin inboard 1,000 hp D13 diesels for the new 44 Convertible from Viking Yachts.

Johnson & Towers, Volvo Penta's marine power center in the mid-Atlantic, provided technical support for specifying, installing and testing the D13-1000s in the first 44 C model earlier this year.

“The D13-1000 has an excellent power-to-weight ratio,” said Bob Shomo, Jr., vice president of Johnson & Towers. “Another key factor in the decision was Volvo Penta's expanded power center network and service dealers across Viking's core market areas. Many of these power centers also handle the other engine brand used by Viking, providing a one-stop service experience.”

“The first installation on the Viking production line went very smoothly, thanks to Viking's superb engineering team, applications support from Volvo Penta and especially the extraordinary efforts of Johnson & Towers' sales engineer Ken Houle,” said Shomo.

In sea trials, the twin Volvo Penta D13-1000 diesels met or exceeded all expectations, according to Chris Landry, director of communications at Viking Yachts. “The boat achieved top speeds of over 38 knots, with a cruising speed of 32-34 knots. The engines provided outstanding acceleration and low-RPM torque, and a smooth, quiet ride. The 44 Convertible is a comfortable tournament contender, equally capable of galloping hard to the canyons on gnarly weather days or blasting over to the Bahamas.”

“Viking's new 44 C is a remarkable achievement – a rare combination of innovative interior design and seakeeping performance. Their selection of Volvo Penta is an important validation of the superior engineering that went into our new D13-1000 as well as our outstanding power center team at Johnson & Towers,” said Jens Bering, vice president of marine sales at Volvo Penta of the Americas. “It's a great honor to be a supplier to Viking Yachts, and we look forward to building on this newly established relationship with one of the great iconic brand names in the boating industry.”

For a high-resolution image, visit: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/m1ke64ty0mdr3bb/AACVg-7BszvVQzvP5EMSBhcwa?dl=0>.

About Volvo Penta

Volvo Penta, with approximately 3,500 dealers in over 130 countries, is a world-leading and global manufacturer of engines and complete power systems for leisure boats, commercial vessels and industrial applications. Product offerings encompass diesel and gasoline engines with power outputs of between 10 and 1,000 hp. Volvo Penta is part of the Volvo Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of heavy trucks, buses and construction equipment.

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